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1. AS SOON AS MIKE NEWLIN TELEPHONED ME WITH SUBSTANCE
OF SITUATION AS DESCRIBED IN REF D, I BEGAN TRYING TO
LOCATE WEIZMAN BY PHONE. FINALLY REACHED HIM AT 1400
HOURS ISRAELI TIME (1500 LEBANESE TIME). I DESCRIBED
SITUATION AS PER PARAS TWO, FIVE, SIX AND SEVEN OF
REF D. I URGED WEIZMAN TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HADDAD
AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND TRY TO DO EVERYTHING HE COULD
TO POSTPONE OR CANCEL PLAN TO OPEN FIRE ON CONVOY.
WEIZMAN SAID HE WOULD DO WHATEVER HE COULD WITH HADDAD
ALONG THESE LINES.

2. NEWLIN HAS SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED THAT UN SAYS TWELVE
ARTILLERY OR MORTAR ROUNDS LANDED NEAR KAWKABA ABOUT A
HALF AN HOUR AFTER MY CONVERSATION WITH WEIZMAN, AND
SOME SHELLING WAS STILL GOING ON A HALF AN HOUR LATER.

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HOWEVER, THE ISRAELI NEWS AT 1500 HOURS ISRAELI TIME
SAYS THAT THE SHELLING HAS NOW STOPPED. IF THAT IS
CORRECT, PERHAPS WEIZMAN DID FINALLY SUCCEED IN MAKING
HIS POINT EFFECTIVE. LEWIS

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